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# *Friends of Michigan History, Inc.*

## **Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

Michigan Historical Center

Lansing, Michigan

August 8, 2011

### **Call to Order**

President Larry Griffin called the of the Board of Directors (Board) meeting of the Friends of Michigan History, Inc. (Friends) to order at 10:31 A.M.

Keith Harrison indicated that he was in receipt of an email from Paul Tarr indicating his retirement from the Board.

*Board Members Present:* Andy Andersen, Larry Griffin, Keith Harrison, Bus Spaniola, Tom Truscott, and Geneva Wiskemann.

*Board Members Absent:* Richard Johnson, Ralph Sims, Jennifer Sochor, Louise Stilwill, and Morris Thomas.

*Board Members Excused:* Richard Johnson, Ralph Sims, Jennifer Sochor, Louise Stilwill, and Morris Thomas.

*Michigan Historical Center (Center):* Mark Harvey.

*Guests:* Chris Williams and Carleton Gholz.

### **Approval of Agenda**

***A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda; motion passed.***

### **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

***A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the June 2011 Board meeting; motion passed.***

### **President's Report**

It was indicated that the President's Report would be addressed throughout the Committee Reports.

### **Treasurer Report**

#### **Financial Report 7-31-11**

Balance	5-31-11		5,870.67
Deposits	7-08-11	47.00	
	7-12-11	<u>1,781.00</u>	
		1,828.00	1,828.00
Cashed Checks			
	#1030	VOID	
	#1031	Dotsworth Band	2,500.00
	#1032	VOID	
	#1033	Larry Griffin	102.06
	#1034	Larry Girffin	691.00
	#1035	HSOM	<u>491.55</u>
		3,784.61	- 3,784.61
Available Funds	7-31-11		3,914.01
Checking Account		3,909.01	
Savings		5.00	
Benevolent Fund		50.00	



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***A motion was made and seconded to approve the Financial Report for the period July 1 - July 31, 2011; motion passed.***

President Griffin indicated that he had been contacted by the Michigan Historical Foundation and was informed that based on a financial review, \$3,584 was found that belongs to the Friends. The check for this amount will be deposited into the Friends' account.

### **Museum Report**

Mark first indicated that the Seeking Michigan website had been revamped. He then provided an update on the construction that was taking place on the first and second floors of the Museum. He indicated that once completed, the area will have a Learning Center and an Exploration room. The Learning Center will be able to accommodate up to 60 people with four to six conference rooms. The Exploration room will have a time lab with experimental games in it for kids. The second floor research room has been re-carpeted, the research desk moved, and two more public stations will be added. He requested that the Friends consider funding one of the public stations. The cost would be \$1,100.

***A motion was made and seconded that the Friends provide support in the amount of \$1,100 for one of the public stations on the second floor; motion passed.***

### **Committee Reports**

A. *2011 Veterans Day Program Committee. (Larry Griffin):* It was mentioned that Col. Victor Kuchar, U.S. Air Force, retired is still anticipated to be the speaker; however, as backups, it was indicated that General MacQueen and Col Carl Moss might be available for the program. There also was discussion as to who still had the addresses of the various veterans' organizations in order to allow us to invite them to the Massing of the Colors. Keith Harrison emailed Board member Jennifer Sochor to see if she had the information.

B. *Membership Committee (Keith Harrison – Chair).* Tom Truscott indicated that he was willing to take the old computerized membership information that the Board had to see if he could develop something that could be sent out to these old members to see if they would consider rejoining. Keith Harrison provided Tom with the two old membership files and with electronic copies of all the membership letters that would needed to be used with the transmittals. It was indicated that we still had people, including some Board members, who had not yet received their membership renewal notice.

C. *Board Nominating Committee (Tom Truscott, Andy Anderson – Co-Chair).* It was requested that all Board members provide Tom Truscott with the names and addresses of possible candidates for the Board.

***A motion was made and seconded to approve Bryon C. Williams as a member of the Friends of Michigan History Board of Directors; motion passed.***

D. *Grants Committee (No Chair).* No report.

E. *Newsletter Committee (No Chair).* No report.

F. *Fund Raising Committee (Bus Spaniola - Chair).* The tentative date for the Doo Wop program was November 12, 2011 at the McGoff Center in Williamston. At the request of the Board, Keith Harrison emailed former Board Member Paul Tarr to have him provide Andy Anderson with the contact information for the band and any other information that he had accumulated on the program.

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### Committee Reports (continued)

G. Bylaws (*No Chair*). No report.

H. Sesquicentennial/Civil War (*Tom Truscott - Chair*). The upcoming Jackson Civil War Muster was discussed. It will take place on August 27 and 28, 2011 at the Jackson Cascades Park in Jackson, Michigan. Keith Harrison indicated that he would get a work schedule out (to staff the information/recruitment table) for Board members to sign up. Keith indicated that the table also will be used by the History Commissioner Jack Dempsey to sell his Civil War book (all proceeds go to the states' Civil War Sesquicentennial program), and possibly also by the Michigan Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. The Friends' display board and newsletters need to be found yet since they were moved due to the construction on the first floor. Larry Griffin indicated that he would locate the material and let Keith know.

***A motion was made and seconded to support up to \$400 for the cost of the production of the Civil War Battle Streamers; motion passed.***

### Old Business

There was no old business

### New Business

Carleton Gholz indicated that he was forming a new organization called *Hear Detroit*. The goal of the organization is to build a music conservancy in the Detroit area. His interest was in developing a program that would allow Detroit to preserve its music history. The Board provided him with several contacts.

### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:27 PM.

Respectively submitted,

*Keith G. Harrison*

Keith G. Harrison, *Secretary Pro Temp*  
Resident Agent  
Board of Directors  
Friends of Michigan History, Inc.

**The next Board meeting will be Monday, September 12, 2011, in Lansing.**